

POPE AND ITALY NEAR AGREEMENT AFTER LONG FEUD

Vatican Submits Terms for
Peace to Government—
Pius Favors Action.

By UGHESIMO EMANUELE.
(I. N. S. Staff Correspondent.)
ROME, Dec. 30.—Negotiations for a reconciliation between the Italian state and the Vatican have reached the stage where any terms have been proposed, it was learned in official circles today.

The conditions imposed by the Vatican were outlined as follows: 1.—Papal sovereignty shall be recognized over the palaces in the Vatican gardens and at Villa Castelli (Gandolfo) as well as other buildings which have been the property of the church for centuries.

2.—Pope Pius XI, shall renounce all other territorial claims, but will request an annuity of 2,000,000 lire, which has been a standing offer from the Italian government since 1870.

3.—The Vatican requests that the agreement, if ratified, shall be communicated to all foreign governments together with guarantees of the independence of the church.

The movement for reconciliation between the Vatican and quinquennial has taken definite form since the creation of the Fascist government headed by Premier Mussolini.

Pope Pius XI is favorable towards the proposals and at the time of his accession to the papal throne last year it was reported that one of the first official actions of the papal government would be to make an offer to the Italian government.

THUGS IN OHIO MAKE RICH HAUL

Five Armed Bandits Hold Up
Plants in Cleveland and
Escape With \$24,750.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 30.—Working with lightning speed, five armed bandits within an hour this morning held up two plants in separate parts of the city and escaped with approximately \$24,750 in cash.

After entering the offices of the Perry Cap and Hat Sewing Co. shortly after 9 o'clock, holding up 20 clerks, and shoveling nearly \$20,000 into a valise, they escaped in an automobile and a few minutes later held up and robbed the paymaster of the Ohio Buick Co., taking a pay roll of \$7,450. They also took a bearing Ohio license 1133 and escaped.

Police flying squadrons are searching every road and alarm has been sent out to all surrounding cities, but police believe that the bandits are still in the city.

6-DAY GOOSE DIET PALLS ON PALATE

Atlanta Man Given Six Days to
Eat Up Noisy Flock That
Bothered Neighbors.

ATLANTA, Dec. 30.—Louis Pazzoli prided himself on a large and noisy flock of geese, but his neighbors didn't seem to care particularly for their vocal efforts and complained to the police.

The police called on Pazzoli and informed him that the keeping of geese conflicted with certain ordinances of the city of Atlanta and therefore something must be done.

Pazzoli, nothing is not a law-abiding citizen, decided that whatever they suggested in the premises would be done, especially after the acting recorder, which is Georgia for police judge, had told him that he must pay a fine for this violation of the city code.

Pazzoli was in the parlance of the street, "up against it."

It was a cinch that he couldn't eat all of the geese—in a day.

It was a copper-colored fact that he couldn't sell them, because there were no purchasers.

Finally he had a real idea. He would eat the geese.

The police were reasonable and granted him permission to eat the geese. Six days they granted him to eat up the flock—one day.

On the first day things were lovely. The Pazzolis ate geese. The next day the piece of resistance was gone. On Friday there were slight murmurs, caused without doubt from the memories of geese on Wednesday and Thursday.

Saturday wasn't so bad, but on Sunday culinary rebellion raised its head in the Pazzoli household—but still the Pazzolis are eating geese.

For Pazzoli is a law-abiding citizen.

GOVERNMENT ANSWERS SHIP OWNERS' PLEA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(By U. P.)—Declaring that the constitution of the United States "cannot be made to conform to the shipping regulations of foreign nations" the government today filed in the supreme court its answer to the suit brought by foreign shipping lines to set aside the Daughters ruling prohibiting transportation of liquor inside the American three mile limit.

FIRE IN JACKSONVILLE
JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Dec. 30.—One half the buildings on the south side of the public square were razed today by a fire which caused damage estimated at \$200,000.

Three firemen were injured, one seriously, by explosions and falling walls.

Shells exploding in the armory of the Jacksonville Howitzer, Illinois National Guard added to the fire fighters dangers.

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Hooper Reviews Work of Railway Labor Tribunal

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—(By I. N. S.)—Ben W. Hooper, chairman of the United States railroad labor board, today issued a statement reviewing the work of the labor board since its inception. Mr. Hooper said he has come to two conclusions:

1.—The board's decisions have been respected to a degree that is remarkable in view of the great number of decisions and the trying and unsettled period through which the railroad industry has been passing.

2.—The enforceability of the decisions of this board or any tribunal of similar jurisdiction is more desirable for the protection of the rights of the employees than for any other purpose.

From April 15, 1920, to Dec. 15, 1922, the period of the board's operations, 11,414 disputed questions were referred to it. Of these, 2,244 have been disposed of. If the total number of disputes, 951 did not reach the status of regularly docketed cases.

Hooper said that on class one roads there have occurred 61 cases which the board has formally held that its decisions have been violated.

"There have been no violation of the board's decisions by employees," he said, "unless the shop strike and the Missouri and North Arkansas strike should be so accounted."

RUIN THREATENS LONDON 'HERALD'

Labor Paper Makes Appeal to
Working People to Give
It Support.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Though the Labor party has won a great political victory and has greater achievements in prospect, it is finding the greatest difficulty in keeping its organ, the Daily Herald, out of trouble.

The Daily Herald is Labor's only paper in England, and its vicissitudes have been many. Recently, under a reorganization plan, the labor unions agreed to take over the financing of the paper. Hamilton Fyfe, who has won fame on the Northcliffe papers, took over the editorship.

For a time things went well with the labor paper, but now it is again in difficulties, and newspaper publishers are wondering whether it will ever be possible to publish a successful labor paper in England.

Makes Appeal.
Fyfe is making a desperate appeal to the laboring people to support "their paper," and in doing so is bitterly attacking the "millionaire" ownership of the other London papers.

"Norman Angell is the man who predicted several years before the war came that if we were foolish enough to let it come it would do as much harm to the victors as to the vanquished," Fyfe said, in appealing for aid for his paper. "Events have proved that he was right. If only we had taken his word for it!"

"Recently Norman Angell wrote a little book to show how necessary it is for the labor movement to have newspapers of its own. Without them, he says, it can never hope to be successful."

"At present Labor has one newspaper, the Daily Herald. This belongs to the labor movement. It is run for no millionaire's benefit, as other newspapers are. It is run for the benefit of the workers. Yet the workers are not buying it in sufficient numbers to make it self-supporting."

Wants Subscribers.
"It must have a circulation of half a million or it will cease publication. What would that mean?"

"It would mean that Labor would have no daily voice in the press."

"It would mean the manufacture of opinion hostile to Labor by the millionaire press."

"Do you know who is chief proprietor of the Daily Mail? Lord Rothermere, with his 10 millions. The Times? Mr. Jacob Astor, with his 20 millions. The Daily Express? Lord Beaverbrook, millionaire. The Daily News? The Cadogan family, of millions. The Daily Chronicle? A group of millionaires. The Daily Sketch? Sir Edward Hulton, millionaire."

Poor People's Press.
"These are London newspapers. The newspapers all over the country are much the same. All are owned by rich people who are anxious to protect rich people's interests."

"The only newspaper which is anxious to protect poor people's interests is the Daily Herald."

"Now, what are you going to do about it? Are you taking it? If not, order it at once. If you are a reader, are you recommending it to your friends and workmates? Unless the Daily Herald can double its circulation and become self-supporting it will cease publication."

"Then the rich men will have it all their own way!"

"Don't let it be said of Norman Angell that twice he prophesied wisely and twice he was unheeded!"

POLICE THINK WOMAN KILLED HER HUSBAND

IOWA CITY, Ia., Dec. 30.—(By I. N. S.)—Robert Leeper, 24, son-in-law of Roy C. Wertz, who was found shot to death in his home here, is in jail today charged with murder.

Leeper's arrest followed a coroner's inquest into Wertz' death, which lasted until 4 o'clock this morning.

Wertz' wife, who is believed by the police to have done the actual shooting, is in a hospital suffering from a nervous breakdown. It is believed likely that she too will be arrested.

The killing of Wertz, it was testified, followed a quarrel between Wertz, his wife and Leeper.

Wertz was charged with Leeper and Mrs. Wertz, if the latter is arrested, will plead self defense.

ESCAPED CONVICT KILLED IN FIGHT

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Jack Speck, an escaped convict, was shot and killed, and his "pal" Richard Preston, who also had fled the Joliet honor farm, was wounded in a desperate battle today with a squad of detectives who surrounded a west side rooming house in which the convicts were hiding.

Speck, better known in South Bend as Betty Moore, came here in October from Peru, Ind., during the past two weeks she made her residence with Mr. and Mrs. Rex Gibney, 117 E. Monroe st. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Vantoe of Warsaw, Ind., and several brothers and sisters, all of whom, but one, live with the parents. She had a brother, Judge, who is in the navy, stationed at Hamilton, Va.

Managed Hotel.
The girl's father was notified and expected this afternoon, to remove the body to Warsaw for burial.

Rubenstein, since the purchase of the old Nickel hotel by his cousin, Carl Rosenbloom, Indiana Harbor, Ind., four months ago, has managed the hotel, now known as the Commercial hotel. His brother, Sam, arrived here from Cleveland, the home of the Rubenstein family, Friday. The body will probably be removed to Cleveland for burial.

Gibney is survived by a bride of three months, Margaret, and leaves a mother and father living in Akron, O. Gibney has been living here the past five years. Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

Crossing Un guarded.
The accident, which will probably crystallize sentiment for immediate renewal of the city's track elevation program, is explained by the fact that the crossing watchmen leave their posts about midnight and at the time of the accident, there was no one in charge of the gates.

The train was a through freight and is understood to customarily pass through the city at a speed of from 40 to 50 miles an hour.

Girl Victim of Crash



Ruth Vantoe, 24, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Vantoe of Warsaw, Ind., who was killed in the Lafayette day.

THREE ARE KILLED AS FAST FREIGHT HITS AUTOMOBILE

Party Returning From Bungalow Inn Run Down at Lafayette St. Crossing.

Three persons were killed, two almost instantly, when an automobile in which they were occupants was struck by a fast freight train at the Lafayette blvd. crossing of the New York Central railroad tracks at 1:50 o'clock Saturday morning. The dead are:

Louis Rubenstein, 25, manager of the Bungalow Inn, 119 N. Main st.

Rex Gibney, 34, taxi driver, 517 E. Monroe st.

Ruth Vantoe, 24, 517 E. Monroe st. The woman was rushed to the Epworth hospital, where she died when placed on the operating table. Bones in her arms and a leg were broken.

The bodies of the two men were found 100 ft. east of the crossing. Rubenstein had a fractured skull. Gibney's neck was broken.

Ambulance Called.
The party were driving north on Lafayette blvd., returning from the "Bungalow Inn" where Gibney had been called to carry sandwiches from a downtown restaurant.

Vantoe woman, rooming with Gibney and his wife at the Monroe st. address, and Rubenstein went to a nearby taxi stand in front of the Commercial hotel, formerly the Nickel hotel.

The police ambulance was called and, except for statements from members of the train crew, could gain no information as to the cause of the accident. The citizen who called the police is said to have explained that he heard a crash, a screaming and the thundering roar of the passing freight.

There were no witnesses, the police say. The automobile, a Haynes touring car, was struck squarely in the middle. It is believed. The car was demolished.

Pieces of the car were found strewn for a great distance upon the railroad right-of-way.

The bodies of the two men were removed to the Kreighbaum undertaking parlors. Later the woman, according to her injuries at the hospital, was removed to the same establishment.

The train was a double-header, manned by Engineers John Hayes and Charles Slaybaugh and Conductor Walker Wigerdine. Hayes, at the throttle of the head engine, stated he saw the automobile passing ahead of the train an instant before the crash. When the police arrived the trainmen were gathered about the victims.

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DRUG SALESMAN LEAPS TO DEATH

Young Man Jumps From Room on Sixth Floor of Detroit Hotel.

DETROIT, Dec. 30.—James Cunliffe, age 24, Richmond Hills, N. Y., a drug salesman, jumped to death from a window of a room on the sixth floor of the Hotel Tuller early today.

He came here to attend a meeting of employees of the Nyal company.

"I am being framed," he exclaimed.

Detectives responding to Cunliffe's call found him considerably excited and maintaining he was the victim of persons who wished to injure him.

With him were Joe Grigler and Douglas McElvin, a representative of the Nyal company.

"We'll quiet him down," Grigler and McElvin told police. The detectives then left. A little more than one hour later word came to police that a man had jumped from a window at the Tuller. It was Cunliffe.

WOMAN AND CHILDREN
DIE FROM GAS FUMES
SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 30.—A mother and her four children were found dead at their home by her husband early today. Death was caused by gas poisoning. The dead: Mrs. Katherine Riley Simone, age 33.

Mary Elizabeth Simone, age 11. John Simone, age 8. William Simone, age 4. Robert Simone, age 2. Simone, completely unbalanced by the tragedy, was taken to the Psychopathic hospital.

KALAMAZOO MAN
IS BADLY BEATEN
MICHIGAN CITY, Dec. 30.—His head badly cut and his face beaten and scratched, Arthur Lynn of Kalamazoo, Mich., was found by police here in a state of semi-delirium, and unable to give a connected story. He had been beaten, he said, by unknown men. Police are investigating.

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On Lake and Stream By Ozark Ripley

How a Wee Boy Brought Peace to
Murderous Missouri Hillmen.

"Hey, stranger!" A thin voice called precisely from the foot of a rocky bluff. Then it repeated: "Hey, stranger! You're dassent go on further. Briar Creek bridge's done carried away!"

Jabe Breathwaite continued on his way, the rain beating him mercilessly twice impossible to hear the warning voice in the heavy down-pour, and the sloshing of his big boots in the mud prevented ordinary sounds from reaching him. For hours, despite the rain, the hillman had continued his journey. Exposure which would have chilled another man to the bone seemed but a mild chill to the fire raging within him.

A little figure, soaked to the skin, emerged from a shelter along the bluff skirting the road and strove sturdily to overtake Breathwaite. Even in the darkness the boy could see that the lone pedestrian was tall, extremely broad of shoulders, and that he muttered to himself.

"Stranger!" The boy at last overtook him and jerked at his coat. "S-t-r-a-n-g-e-r!" he shrieked. The big man stopped, turned, and his cold gray eyes scowled down into the face of a boy of 10.

"Wal, young'un, wats'all this hyar fuss erbout?" queried Breathwaite wrathfully at the youngster's efforts to attract his attention. "Calat a man travel in the hills 'bout some kid taggin' at his coat tails? Why, kid, you're air half drowned! Git back outen the rain! I'm in a hurry."

"You're can't go no further!" the boy almost screamed. "Briar Creek bridge's washed away, and the creek's all over the country. You're would jest walk into hit and drown!"

A moment later both were under the cliff, where Breathwaite scrutinized closely the blue eyed boy at his side and wondered why he was out in the storm. Jabe asked few questions. The fire of wrath within him seemed to gain fuel as the turn of events forced a delay in his plans. Still the boy's promise shot certain thoughts into his mind, and finally speech came from him grudgingly.

"Name?" queried the mountaineer.

"Dave," was the quick response. Then the little fellow closed close to the big man for warmth. For an instant Breathwaite made an effort to draw away, but the limits of their shelter, sheer rock and a protruding ledge for roof, prevented it. He felt, too, that the little body was warm. His big hands clasped the boy's. For some reason it gave him pleasure, and suddenly, confirmed bachelor that he was, he was seized with longing for a boy just like this one.

"Wal Dave," he questioned hoarsely, "what brought you's outen the rain? 'Taint no place for a kid like you—"

"I jest wanted to save a man," the boy replied.

"To save a man? How's that, ave?" the mountaineer asked quickly.

"Didn't I tell you's Briar Creek's up?" he shouted, so his words might carry to his listener. The noise of the storm was now at his height. "Don't you's see if I hadn't been here you's would be walked into ole Briar Creek and drowned? I was over at Grandpop Rawley's when this hyar cloudburst cum. I started home—"

"Grandpop Rawley?" gasped the mountaineer, his face hardening suddenly. "You's haint a Rawley, air you's?"

"Shore!" retorted the boy proudly, putting his hand on the big man's shoulder. A moment later it slipped around his neck.

Breathwaite was too startled for speech. A Rawley here! The child of the man he had traveled far to kill! The Breathwaite and Rawley feud had been a bitter one. Only two of its participants were left—he and the father of the boy at his side. Just a few days before he had learned of the meeting of the boy's uncle and Breathwaite's nephew in the hills. Two shots—and two hillmen were dead. He was the sole Breathwaite left, and raising at the outcome of this last encounter he had left his lone shanty amid the pines to exterminate the last man of Rawley blood.

"Don't seem to like the Rawley?" the boy broke the sudden silence. Then without a tremor, "Why?"

"Oh, nothin'." The big mountaineer uttered the words hoarsely, after controlling the seething cauldron within. "Jest nothin'." Don't see the sense of you's outen this weather. Why, a kid like you! Did you come jest as you said?

"Yes, and fur more," he admitted. "I wanted to meet a man."

"Why, boy?" gruffly demanded the hillman, as the warm impress of the small hand began to be felt. "What man?"

"Jabe Breathwaite," the little fellow replied, not noticing the tremor that seized his companion. "No what's more, I'm goin' to stay till he comes."

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U. S. OFFICIALS ASK JURY PROBE OF JUNK BUYERS

Charge Conspiracy to Cheat
Government in Buying
War Supplies.

By W. H. ATKINS.
(I. N. S. Staff Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Charges that junk dealers in a number of cities had conspired to cheat the government, in buying war surplus supplies at auction sales, will be laid before grand juries as basis for indictments, it was learned at the department of justice today.

The charges relate to purchases of different classes of materials left over after the war, and sold piece meal in auction sales over the past two years.

Irregularities in the buying of copper provides one chapter of what officials describe as "a scandal." Large stocks of surplus copper have been parcelled out in various sales to a comparatively small number of junk dealers. Copper thus offered has been bought at far below a fair market price, according to investigators.

Junk dealers in many instances, it alleged, have conspired together so as to remove the elements of competition in auction and leave to a single dealer the option of buying in materials at his own price. The price so paid allowed the junk dealers to sell to manufacturers or retailers at an enormous profit. Junk dealers, by so manipulating the bidding at sales, have deprived the government of many millions of dollars.

To what extent dealers of various kinds may have similarly arranged non-competitive auction buying in the purchasing of other classes of war material, including shipping board supplies, is to be thoroughly investigated. It was learned today. The information upon which the government is now proceeding is said to have been obtained by federal district attorneys in different localities. Copies of contracts, by which it is said to be clear there was an intent to defraud the government, are included in evidence which may later be laid before grand juries.

POLICE PUT STOP TO
POISON PEN LETTERS
LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 30.—With the arrest of Carl J. Mafra, the sheriff's office, working in conjunction with federal officers believe they have put a stop to "poison pen" letters, which have terrorized prominent film stars recently. According to the officers, such letters were sent to Marie Prevost and other picture actresses.

As a result of the letters, Miss Prevost is said to have suffered a nervous breakdown.

Mafra is charged with sending obscene literature through the mails.

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A Resolution All Can Keep and Profit By!

THAT my Holidays were not all that they might have been, due to the fact that there was a lack of music in the house. During the year just beginning, I shall see to it that my house becomes a home by the acquisition of a player-piano or Sonora phonograph, which will be a source of diversion and delight to all in the family.

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